

TOWN OF WILTON  
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2016  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Town Office  
Present: Chairman Richard E. Swanson, Selectmen William F. Condra and Kermit R. Williams.  
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Swanson.

First on the agenda was Steve Elliott to talk about Cemetery Trustee issues. John Jowders and Mary Ann Shea were also in attendance for the discussion. The ongoing trust fund issues are being wrapped up with the counting of the graves. The Cemetery Trustees told the Selectmen that they would like to have a new trust for general maintenance of the cemeteries. Chairman Swanson asked if their request was legal. Selectman Williams explained that going forward when they sell new lots they would like to put this money toward the maintenance for the entire cemetery. John confirmed that for now the perpetual care funds will stay where they are. Selectman Condra confirmed that they were asking for a single fund for all three cemeteries. There was a discussion about the \$5,000 collected annually from the Diocese for maintenance of Mount Calvary Cemetery. Steve stated that there are people who want to buy lots now but the Cemetery Trustees need the Selectmen's approval if they are going to put the money into a general cemetery trust fund. Selectman Williams recommended that the Cemetery Trustees vote to no longer offer perpetual care in any cemetery they have control over. Then the next step would be for the Selectmen to put together a warrant article to create a general cemetery trust fund. Steve asked what they should do in the meantime and he asked if they could put the \$5,000 from the Diocese in the general fund also. Selectman Williams feels they need to do some more research. Chairman Swanson said he would be in favor of the simplest solution. If they need a warrant article, then the Board of Selectmen will write one and endorse it.

The next item of discussion was the Carnival Hill electrical service item:

Steve told how the Main Street Association had originally put money in their budget for electrical upgrades at Carnival Hill. It has been estimated that the cost will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000-\$6,000. Steve stated that there is a need for more electric service for town functions, so he has included it in his Parks and Recreation budget. Chairman Swanson stated that the Board wanted to see it in this budget, and they agreed that it needed to be upgraded for safety. Steve was asking for the Selectmen's approval to include this amount in his budget. Selectman Williams agrees with putting it in the P&R budget but a discussion ensued as to the need for running power up the hill. Selectman Condra gave his recommendation and stated that \$3,000 should cover it. Steve will get new pricing. Selectman Williams summed up their intent to put an outlet pole near where the vendors set up. It will be similar to what we have at Whiting Park.

**Public Comment:**

Richard Kahn had comments regarding the pipeline issue: He discussed the intervener process for the pipeline. Selectman Williams doesn't think we qualify for intervener status because the pipeline doesn't go through Wilton. He explained intervener status. Monadnock Ledger reporter Ashley Saari joined in the discussion. Selectman Williams said that there is a legal process to become an intervener. Chairman Swanson is interested in filing Wilton's opposition to the pipeline; to give Wilton a standing. Ashley Saari

agreed that you can file a comment without becoming an intervener. She stated that you must prove to FERC that you have reasons to be an intervener. Chairman Swanson stated that it is a threat to our water quality and aquifer, etc. He said our position summarizes what we feel. Selectman Williams said you can send in your comments without being an intervener; it's a legal commitment to become an intervener. Also, if they change the route, the whole process will be reset, he stated. Selectman Condra stated that the Wilton Water Works sent an objection letter.

Chairman Swanson said that he is not opposed to register as an intervener to preserve the right to appeal. Selectman Condra agrees, stating that he was the only one to speak in favor of the pipeline but he is doing this as a member of the Board of Selectmen as due diligence for the public who shared their feelings in opposition to the pipeline.

**Motion:** Chairman Swanson made a motion to file on Wilton's behalf to have intervener status per our statement which we previously gave regarding the pipeline. Selectman Williams disagrees. Chairman Swanson said it is not committing us to spend legal fees. Selectman Williams said intervener status is a legal commitment. Chairman Swanson stated that this doesn't commit us to make an appeal or spend legal money; it just preserves our stakeholder status. Selectman Condra seconded the motion on behalf of the 45 or so people who attended that meet. Selectman Williams stated that he is working to block pipeline and that there is a bill before legislature. Chairman Swanson thanked him. Selectman Williams said that he is not in favor of pipeline but he opposes registering as an intervener. The vote was: Selectman Condra, aye; Chairman Swanson, aye; Selectman Williams, nay. Motion carries 2 to 1. Chairman Swanson will work on it. Selectman Williams suggested talking to Attorney Little.

Dawn Tuomala, Monadnock Survey, was next to discuss her Storm Water contract for 2016. She reported that the EPA is close to finalizing their decision, hopefully by the end of March or April. Our NOI needs to be submitted 90 days after that. Selectman Williams explained the encumbered funds for Storm Water. Chairman Swanson said that it is in our best interest to keep with Dawn's services on this project. Dawn was asked if we will get some additional GIS benefits from this process. Dawn said that she has talked with Mike Bergeron of the Water Department and they can share their information. She will talk to NRPC about the base maps.

**Motion:** Chairman Swanson made a motion to approve Dawn's Storm Water contract as presented. Selectman Williams seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous vote with all in favor. Motion carries.

Dawn noted that this Thursday is the joint meeting of the Select Board and Budget Committee with the member towns for Recycling and Ambulance. She talked about creating a surplus account for Recycling to even out the good years with the bad years. Selectman Williams feels that this may be hard to do. He spoke about encumbering money. Steve Elliott stated that what they are looking for is more of a contingency fund. Chairman Swanson thinks the member towns have been comfortable with the way we have been doing it in the past. Dawn will speak to NHMA or DRA about the subject.

Selectman Williams would like the Town to buy jackets and hats with the Town logo for the Public Works Department employees. Steve said he would be happy to buy jackets and hats.

Jeff Stone, Conservation Commission attended the meeting to remind the BOS about the Dec 31<sup>st</sup> agreement made by Mark Gabel to remove his personal property from the Town's land. Jeff visited the area recently and explained what he saw. The area has not been cleared yet and he wants to bring it back to the Board's attention. Mr. Gabel has moved the abandoned vehicles but he agreed to remove the remainder of stuff as well. Chairman Swanson suggested that the Selectmen would send Mr. Gabel a letter reminding him of his commitment.

Next, the Selectmen discussed the Froling Energy proposal. If the contract is approved Froling Energy will get to work on the grant application.

**Motion:** Chairman Swanson made a motion to approve the contract for a Biomass Boiler System and Expanded Hydronic Heat Distribution System with Froling Energy. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed. Motion carries.

Chairman Swanson made a motion to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:03 P.M. Selectman Williams seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:15 P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye Condra, Aye.

Selectman Condra will attend the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Committee meeting.

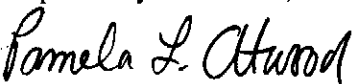
Selectman Williams informed the Selectmen of Planning Board member Marcy Kearns passing.

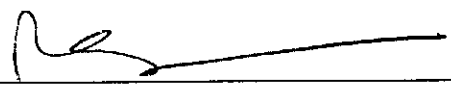
Selectman Williams relayed a recent event to the Selectmen that involved Trespass Towing Company. Selectman Condra noted that he would prefer not to see Trespass Towing on the rotation list when the time comes.


Selectman Williams told that he is co-sponsoring a local option to have a transportation fee/surcharge on registrations as a way to raise additional money for road or bridge repair. Selectman Williams stated that it wouldn't be until next year anyway.

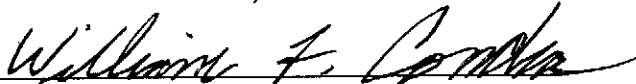
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

  
Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary

  
Richard E. Swanson, Chairman

  
Kermit R. Williams

  
William F. Condra

1-18-16  
Date Signed